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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 09/14/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 13,15-19,21-28 (renumbered as 1-14).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 10/31/07.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to the amendment filed on 09/14/2007.

Claims 13, 15-19, 21-28 are allowed.

Claims 13-24 are amended by the Applicant.

New claims 25-28 are added.

Claims 14 and 20 are cancelled with this Examiner's amendment.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with BUCHENHORNER, MICHAEL [Reg. No. 33,162] on 10/31/07.

In the claims

Please amend claims 13, 15, 19 and 21-24 as follows.

Claim 13 (Currently amended) A method for minimizing total cost of interaction among ~~at least a pair of~~ components of a computer program, each of the components being characterized by one or more data representation properties, ~~the properties comprising string representation and data structure,~~ the method comprising steps of:

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- a) carrying out at least a partial run of the program;
- b) monitoring the at least partial run of the program to ~~measure an amount of~~ capture information on interaction between each pair of components, wherein the information on interaction comprises information relating to an explicit request from one component of the pair to the other component of the pair for some data, and wherein the monitoring comprises recording a source component, a destination component, and an amount of data;
- c) determining a cost of interaction between each pair of interacting components;
- d) determining a ~~choice~~ set of interrelated choices of the data representation properties of each of the components of at least one group of components which minimizes total cost of the at least partial run;
- e) assigning the ~~choice~~ set of interrelated choices of the properties to the components for a subsequent at least partial run of the program; and
wherein the data representation properties comprise comprising a choice of string representation of a component, and the amount of interaction measured in step (b) comprises comprising a frequency of interaction between each pair of interacting components; the cost of interaction comprising a function of the frequency and a cost of converting any differing string representations of the pair to a common string representation.

Claim 15 (Currently amended) The method as set forth in ~~claim 14~~ **claim 13**, wherein at least one string representation is selected from ASCII, UNICODE, and EBCDIC.

Claim 19 (Currently amended) A computer readable storage medium including computer instructions for carrying out a method for minimizing total cost of interaction among components, each of the components being characterized by one or more data representation properties ~~comprising string representation and data structure~~, of a computer program running on a computer system, the medium comprising instructions for:

- a) carrying out at least a partial run of the program;
- b) monitoring the at least partial run of the program to measure an amount of interaction between each pair of components, wherein an interaction comprises an explicit request from one component of the pair to the other component of the pair for some data, and wherein monitoring comprises recording a source component, a destination component and an amount of data;
- c) determining a cost of interaction between each pair of interacting components;
- d) determining a ~~choice~~ set of interrelated choices of the data representation properties of each of the components of at least one group of components which minimizes total cost of the at least partial run; **and**
- e) assigning the ~~choice~~ set of interrelated choices of the properties to the components for a subsequent at least partial run of the program; **and**
wherein the data representation property comprising a choice of string representation of a component, the amount of interaction measured in instruction (b) comprising a frequency of interaction between each pair of interacting

components; the cost of interaction comprising a function of the frequency and a cost of converting any differing string representations of the pair to a common string representation.

Claim 21 (Currently amended) A-The computer readable **storage** medium as set forth in ~~Claim~~ **claim 19**, wherein at least one string representation is selected from ASCII, UNICODE, and EBCDIC.

Claim 22 (Currently amended) The computer readable **storage** medium as set forth in ~~Claim~~ ~~claim 19~~, the **data representation property** properties comprising a choice of data structure of a component, the amount of interaction measured in step (b) comprising a frequency of interaction between each pair of interacting components; the cost of interaction comprising a function of the frequency and a cost of converting any differing choices of data structures of the pair to a common choice of data structure.

Claim 23 (Currently amended) The computer readable **storage** medium as set forth in ~~Claim~~ ~~claim 22~~, wherein at least one data structure is selected from hash, tree, and compressed data structures.

Claim 24 (Currently amended) The computer readable **storage** medium as set forth in ~~Claim~~ ~~claim 19~~ wherein the instruction (d) of determining the choice is carried out by

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building a graph with nodes representing program components and edges that join adjacent nodes representing interaction therebetween, each edge being characterized by a cost of each interaction, then using a graph cutting technique to find a minimum cut of the graph.

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Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Satish S. Rampuria whose telephone number is (571) 272-3732. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wei Y. Zhen can be reached on (571) 272-3708. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC 2100 Group receptionist: 571-272-2100.

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